GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TERRORISM IN KASHMIR
ARUN KUMAR;SUSHIL KUMAR INDORA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware that delegates of France, Portugal, Germany and Finland had visited J&K in October 1999 to study the spreading of terrorism in the state;

(b) whether they had also met any Government officials after their visit;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government have received the contents of the report prepared by these found delegates;

(e) if so, the details thereof and

(f) the reaction of the Government to the report?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

a) Yes Sir. A delegation of Ambassadors of France, Portugal, Finland, Germany and the European Commission visited Jammu & Kashmir from October 25-27, 1999.

b) Yes Sir.

c) The purpose of the visit was to meet Government officials, political leaders and a cross section of people in Jammu & Kashmir to obtain a better understanding of the situation prevailing in the State.

d), e) & f) Representatives of the delegation which visited Jammu and Kashmir have briefed the Government of their impressions regarding the effect of cross-border terrorism on the State. The international community now openly recognises Pakistan`s sponsorship of cross-border terrorism in the State of J&K and elsewhere in India.